



PUBLIC NOTICE

US Army
Corps of
Engineers
Baltimore
District

In Reply to Application Number
CENAB-OP-RMN(GEIS,TIM)00-66580-4
CENAB-OP-RMN(HEIMAN, ROBERT P.)00-67061-4

Comment Period: January 11, 2001 to February 1, 2001

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO SOLICIT COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE WORK DESCRIBED BELOW. AT THIS TIME, NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED.

The Baltimore District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) and State authorization pursuant to the Tidal Wetlands Act and/or Nontidal Wetlands Protection Act, as described below:

APPLICANTS: *Mr. Tim Geis*
 46 Sunset Drive
 Severna Park, Maryland 21146

Mr. Robert P. Heiman
 247 Cypress Creek Road
 Severna Park, Maryland 21146

LOCATION: *Cypress Creek, Anne Arundel County, Maryland*

WORK: The two applicants propose, in accordance with the attached plans, to hydraulically or mechanically dredge spur channels associated with the authorized Cypress Creek main channel to be dredged by Anne Arundel County. Mr. Geis proposes to dredge 310 cubic yards of material from a 20-foot wide by 105-foot long Y-shaped channel to -3.0 feet mean low water (MLW), and Mr. Heiman proposes to dredge 250 cubic yards of material from a 30-foot wide by 143-foot long channel to -6.0 feet MLW. The Geis channel connects at the head of the county's northern main channel and the Heiman channel is downstream of the northern main channel. The work is to be performed in shallow water, during winter months and in an area with no submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV). In accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as part of the evaluation of Anne Arundel County's proposal to dredge the main channels in Cypress Creek and associated spur channels, the District prepared an Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) assessment. It was determined that there will be no adverse effects to the managed species since Cypress Creek does not appear to be EFH for any managed species. This determination applies to these projects as well, since they are within the same area as the main channels. The dredged material is to be placed at an existing upland (non-wetland), regional dredged material placement site at Edwin Raynor Boulevard. The purpose of the proposed work is to improve access to private piers.

All work is to be completed in accordance with the enclosed plan(s). If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact *Ms. Abbie Hopkins* at (410) 962-6080.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The applicant is required to obtain a water quality certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act from the Maryland Department of the Environment. Any written comments concerning the work described above which relate to water quality certification must be received by the Standards and Certification Division Maryland Department of the Environment, Building 30, First Floor, 2500 Broening Highway, Baltimore, Maryland 21224 within the comment period as specified above to receive consideration. Written comments concerning the work described above related to the factors listed above or other pertinent factors must be received by the District Engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, PO Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, within the comment period as specified above to receive consideration. The 401 certifying agency has a statutory limit of one year to make its decision.

The applicant has certified in this application that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner consistent with the Maryland Coastal Zone Program. This certification statement is available for inspection in the District Office; however, public comments relating to consistency must be received by the Coastal Zone Division, Maryland Department of the Environment, 2500 Broening Highway, Baltimore, Maryland, 21224, within the comment period as specified above. It should be noted that CZ Division has a statutory limit of 6 months in which to make its consistency determination.

The applicant must obtain any State or local government permits which may be required.

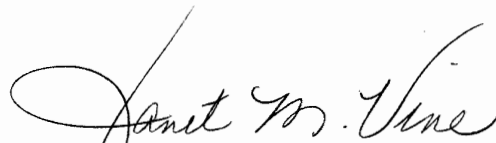
A preliminary review of this application indicates that the proposed work will not affect listed species or their critical habitat pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended. As the evaluation of this application continues, additional information may become available which could modify this preliminary determination.

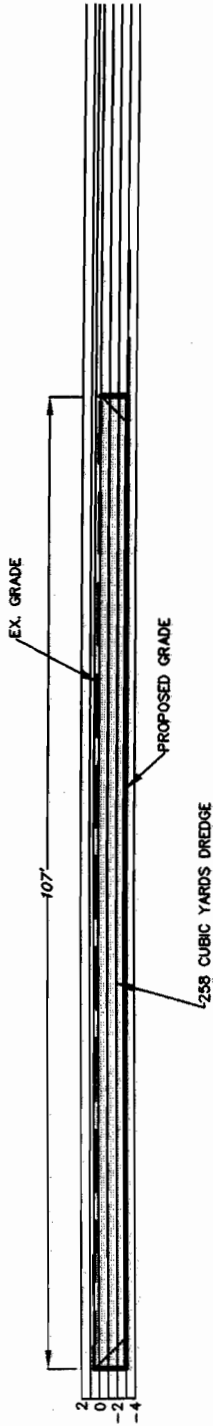
Review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places indicates that no registered properties listed as eligible for inclusion therein are located at the site of the proposed work. Currently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistoric, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished under the requested permit.

The evaluation of the impact of the work described above on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Any person who has an interest which may be adversely affected by the issuance of this permit may request a public hearing. The request, which must be in writing, must be received by the District Engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, PO Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, within the comment period as specified as above to receive consideration. Also, it must clearly state forth the interest which may be adversely affected by this activity in the manner in which the interest may be adversely affected.

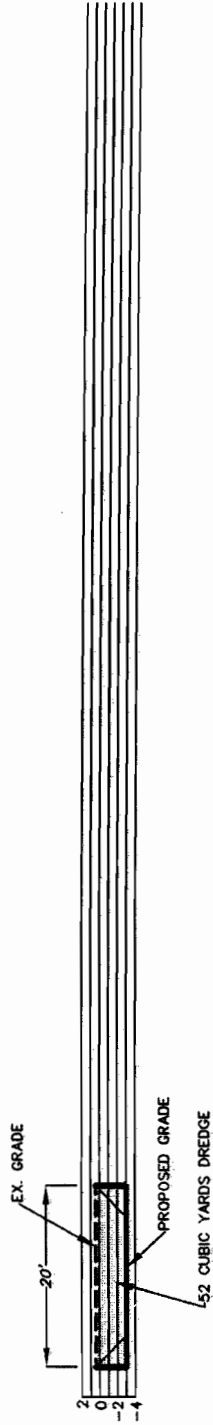
It is requested that you communicate the foregoing information concerning the proposed work to any persons known by you to be interested and not being known to this office, who did not receive a copy of this notice.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:


JANET M. VINE
Chief, Maryland Section Northern



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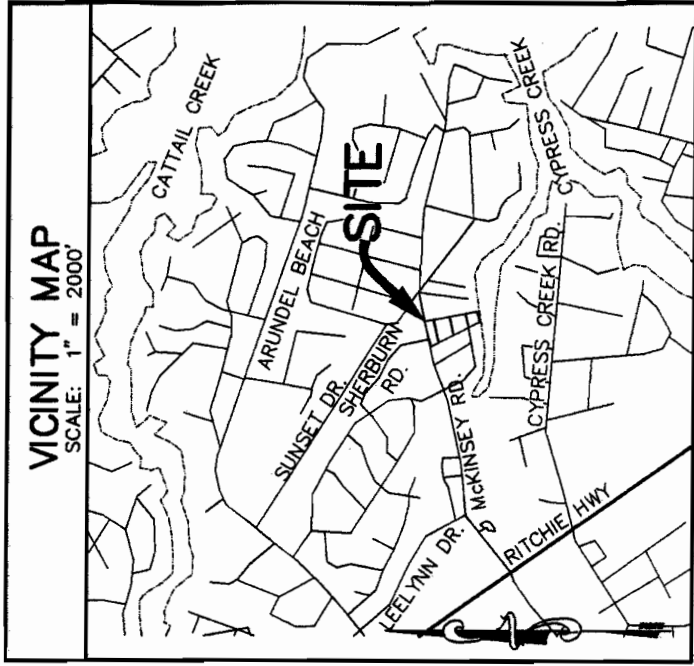
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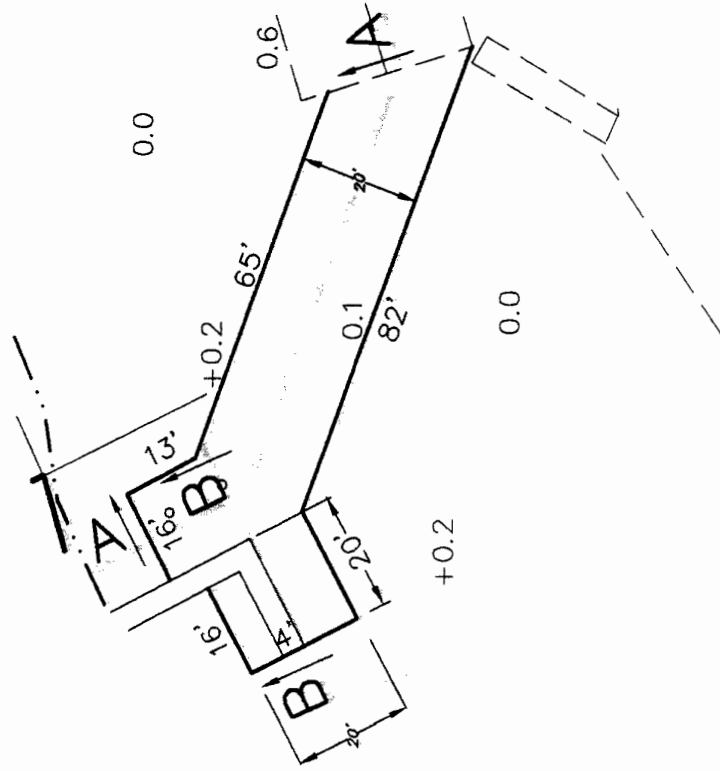
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PROJECT DATA
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PURPOSE: RIPARIAN ACCESS
OWNER: TIMOTHY GEIS
SCALE: 1" = 20'

LOCATION
651 MCKINSEY RD.
SEVERNA PARK, MD 21146
A.A. COUNTY MD.
WATER BODY: CYPRESS CREEK
DATE: 7/27/00
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VICINITY MAP
SCALE: 1" = 2000'



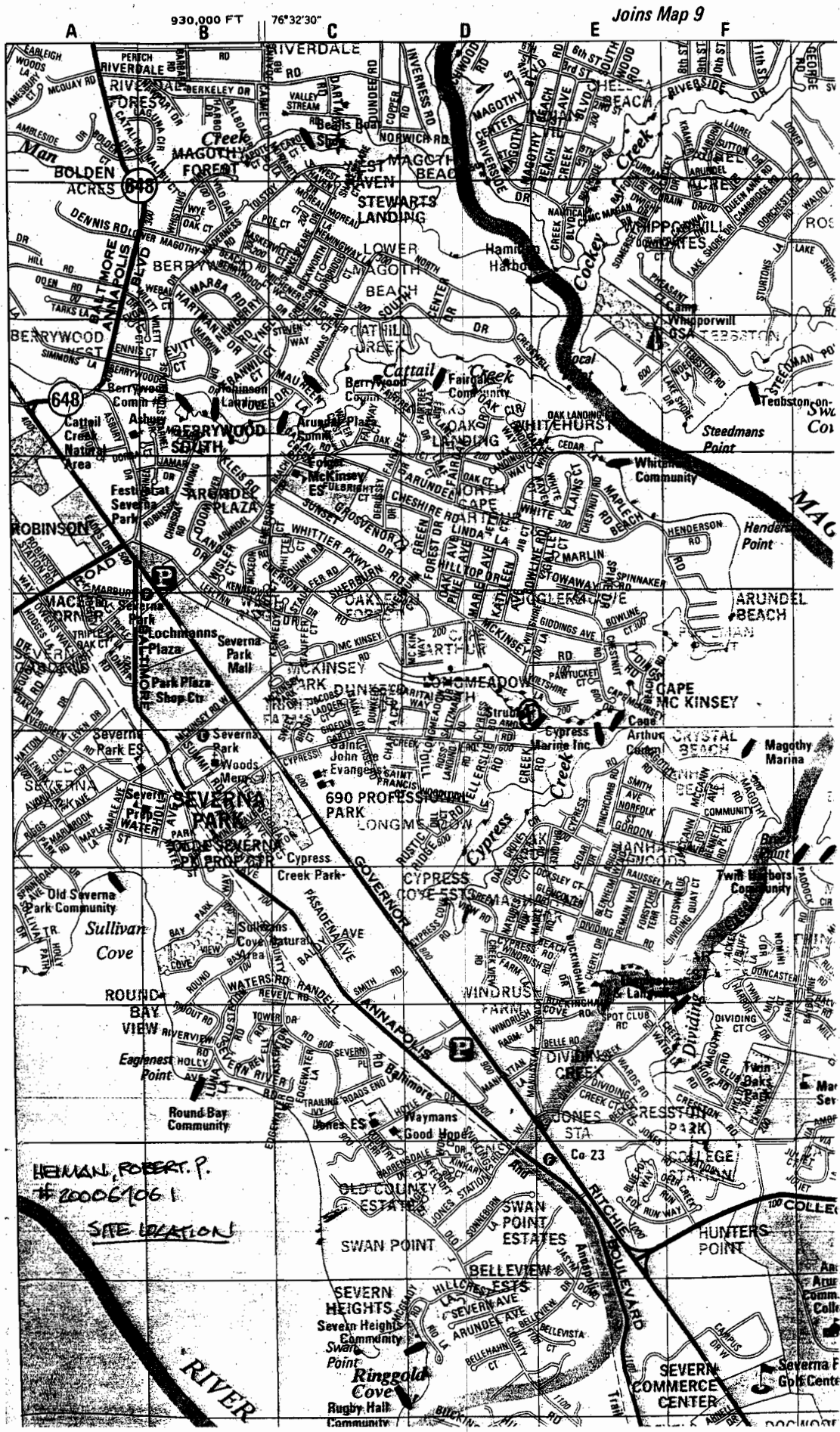
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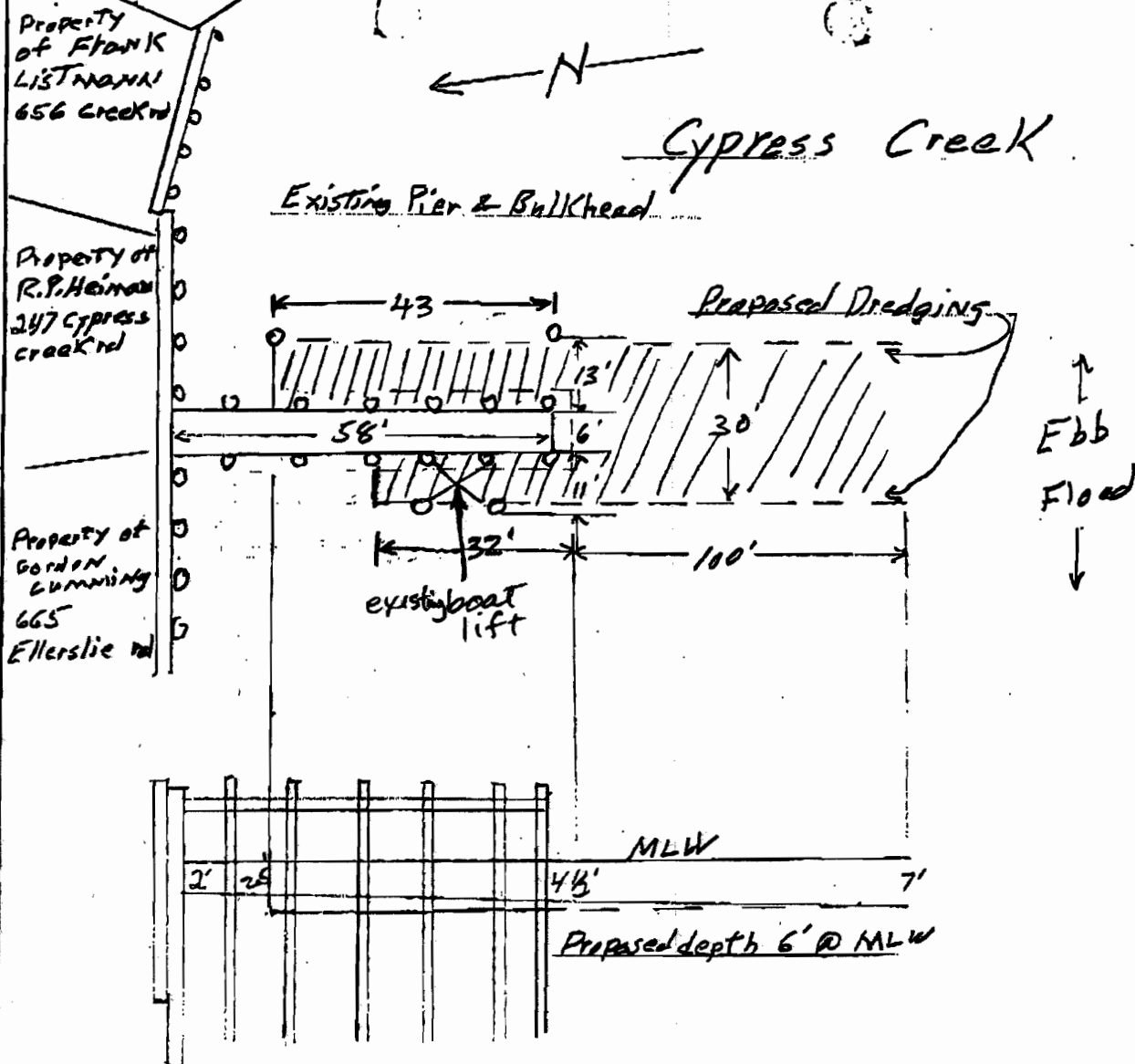
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1. Plan NOT to scale
2. Tidal range is 1 foot
3. Soundings in feet & refer to MLW
4. Approx. 300 ¹⁵⁰ cu. yds. of sand, silt & clay to be dredged to -6' MLW

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NOTES:

1. Tidal Range approximately 1 ft.
2. Soundings in feet at MLW.
3. Approximately 250 cubic yards of silty material to be removed by mechanical dredging to a depth of -6 ft MLW.
4. Drawing is for permitting purposes only.

PROPOSED DREDGINGBy: Robert P. HeimanIn: Cypress Creek
(a tributary of Magothy River)Near: Severna Park
Anne Arundel County Maryland

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